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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROTO OKAWARA) : Examiner: Christensen, A.
Application No.: 08/877,728) : Group Art Unit: 2712
Filed: June 18, 1997) :
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)

Date: February 2, 2000

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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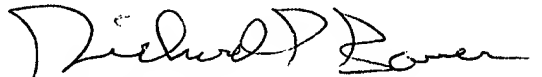
Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 2, 1999 for three (3) months from November 2, 1999 to February 2, 2000.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or

credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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